

Lesley-Travers Mansion (Deemer House)
112 W. 6th Street
New Castle
New Castle County
Delaware

HABS No. DE-181

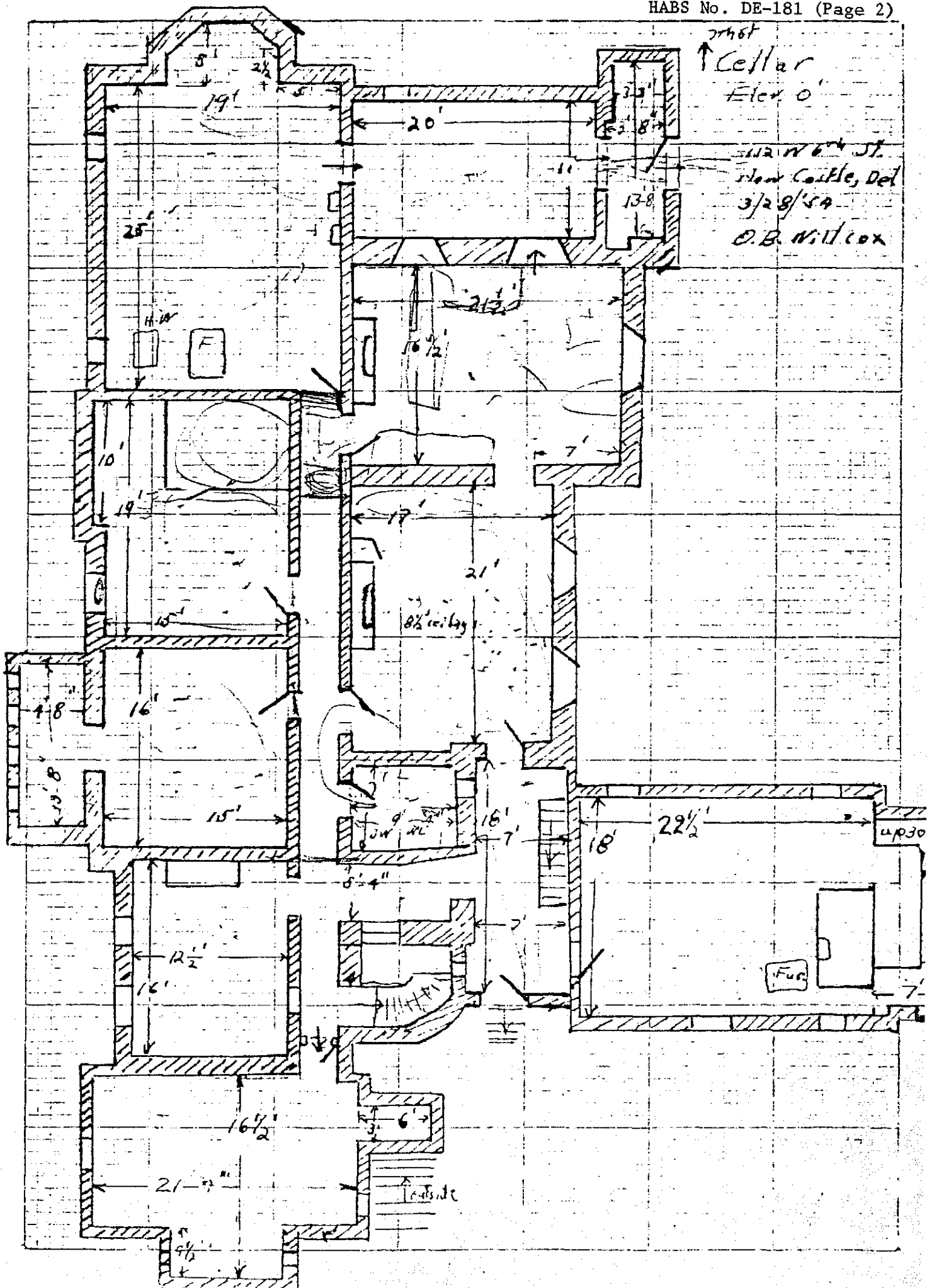
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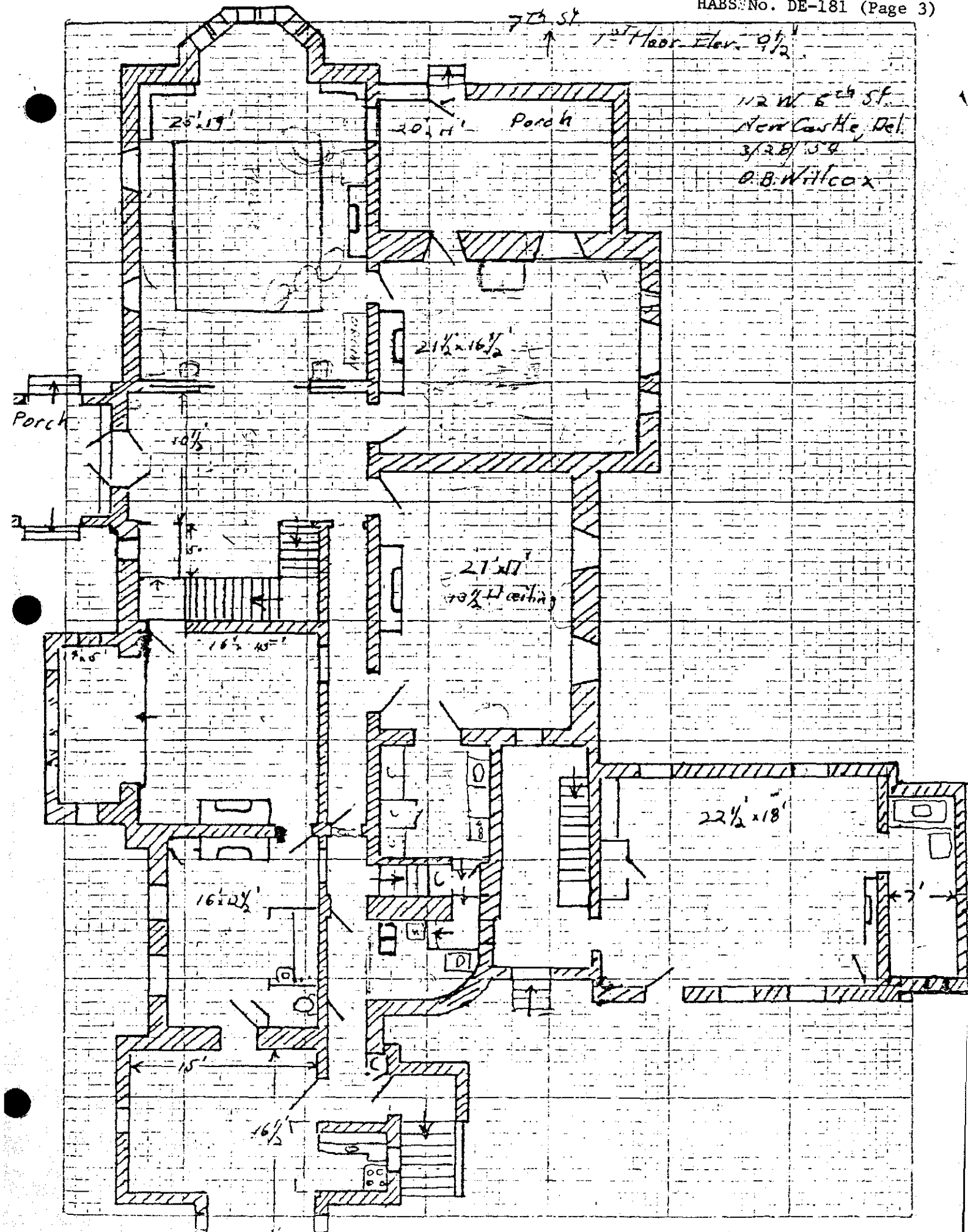
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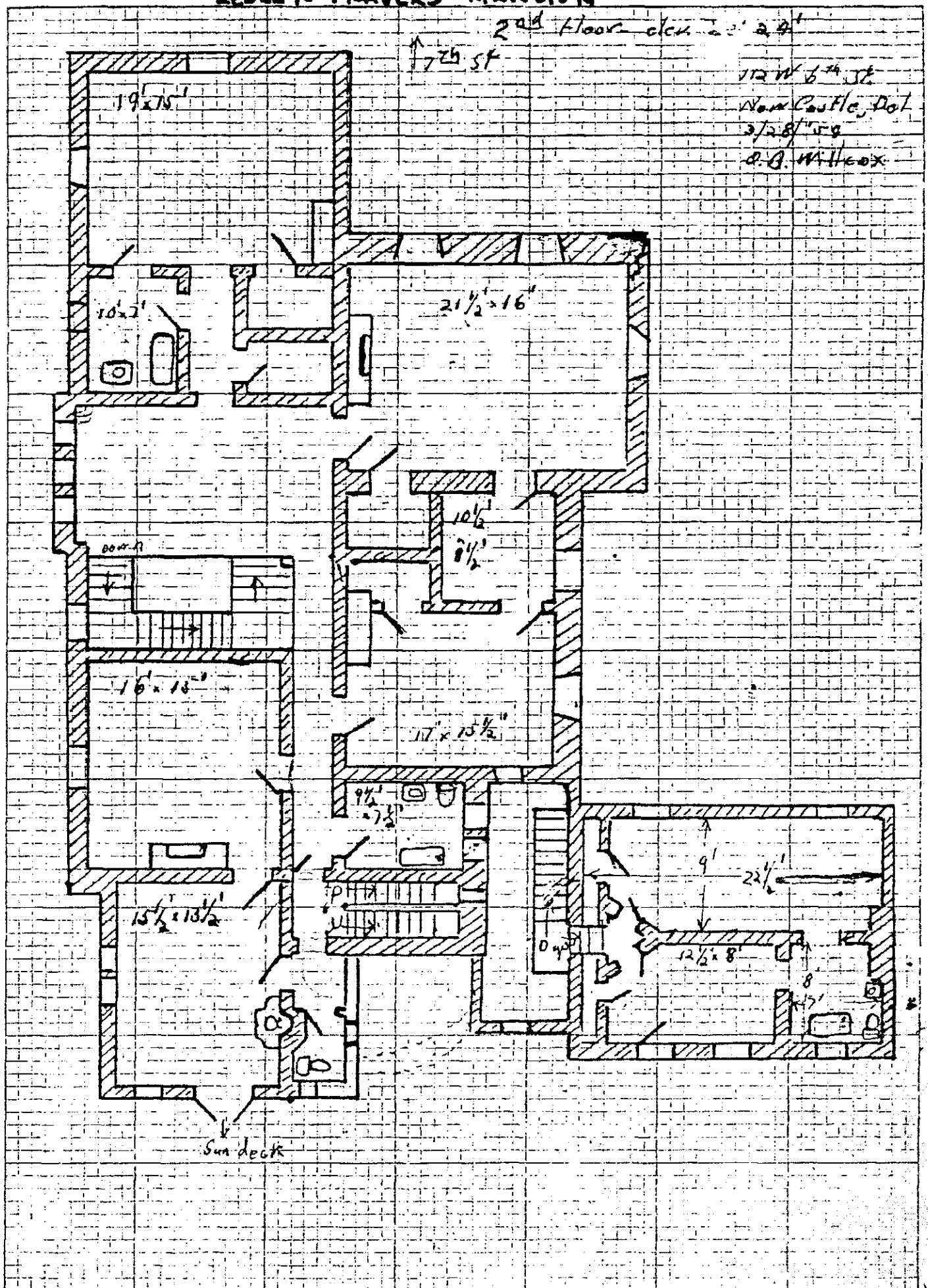
APPENDIX
FOLLOWS

STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle	TOWN OR VICINITY New Castle
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Lesley-Travers Mansion		HABS NO. DE-181
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Deemer House		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 112 West 6th Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1855	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Thomas and James M. Dixon	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) In a town noted for its Georgian and Federal architecture, the Lesley-Travers Mansion stands out as a distinctive example of the Gothic Revival. Designed for Dr. Allen Voorhees Lesley by the Baltimore firm of Thomas and James M. Dixon, who also designed the Grand Opera House in Wilmington, the house was built by Augustin Van Kirk of Salem, New Jersey.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Gothic Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick bearing walls with timber framing		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Approximately 93'x43', two-and-a-half stories with three-and-a-half-story tower (see attached floor plans).		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Gable roof with several cross gables, all with decorative barge boards, hipped roof on tower with bracketed cornice and dormers; cast-iron sills and some label molds on windows; screened entrance porch with cast-iron-capped buttresses, main entrance pointed-arch double opening; porch with pointed-arch openings in southwest corner of tower.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Stairway balusters form pointed arches, which are also painted on stairway wall; plaster ceiling medallions and cornices in many rooms; plaster ribs in parlor and stair hall ceiling; library ceiling crossed with plaster bands, ribbed groin vault in entrance porch ceiling; window and doorway surrounds plaster molding; some etched glass in doors, marble mantels.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		Original central heating system
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Residence		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register Nomination, listed 1973. John P. White, HABS Project Supervisor, draft description, 1975.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Alison K. Hoagland, Historic American Buildings Survey		DATE January 1983





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